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It looked yesterday as if the much talked

of "combine" had not got in its work in the

House.

The legislator who goes home without

any votes to explain will stand best with his

constituents.

Yesterday was marked by three great

events—the opening of Parliament by King

Edward VII., a royal marriage in Madrid,

and the triumph of the great State of Ohio

over some prize fighters.

It may be remarked that those who sus-

tain the taking of 1 or 2 per cent. of the

property of citizens to build railroads with-

out their consent are in no position to de-

nounce a ship subsidy bill.

Republican members of the Legislature

cannot afford to make the party responsible

for creating two institutions, one of

which is unnecessary, and paying off a

claim which has no legal status, all calling

for about \$420,000.

King Edward has the advantage over our

Presidents. The correspondents always

tell in advance what the latter is going to

say in his annual message, but the King

did not take them into his confidence re-

garding his speech.

Actor Mansfield thinks Mr. Carnegie

could not do better than endow a national

theater. Perhaps Mr. Carnegie thinks dif-

ferently. His plan seems to be to endow

local institutions of learning and libraries

in communities which are willing to do

their share of the work.

Although the Chinese are proverbially

polite it is not surprising to learn that

three of the high officials who were

marked for death refused to comply with

the Emperor's request to commit suicide.

Now it remains to be seen what the gov-

ernment and the powers will do about it.

The president of the State Normal at

Terre Haute stated before a legislative

committee that the present school can fur-

nish all the facilities needed in that line

for many years to come. That should be

conclusive against the Muncie normal

school scheme. The plain truth is the

State has no use whatever for a second

normal at present.

The Thirtieth Infantry, United States

Volunteers, which will sail for home from

Manila in a day or two, is largely com-

posed of Indiana men, recruited in this

city. The regiment will reach San Fran-

cisco about April 1. If there is any prob-

ability of the Indiana men coming to this

city they should be given a public recep-

tion.

The directors of the Commercial Club

have voiced unanimous public opinion in

this city in the resolutions adopted by them

opposing the erection of a Governor's re-

sidence in St. Clair Park. The reasons given

by the directors are good, but they fail to

emphasize the strongest one, namely, that

the project involves the removal of the

Institute for the Education of the Blind

to the country for purely mercenary rea-

sons.

Mr. Cochran, of Missouri, took occasion

in the House on Wednesday to stigmatize

all the troops in China as looters and plun-

ders. He must have known that he was

slandering the American soldiers who were

sent to China, because the Chinese have

made an exception in their favor. Very

naturally, a man representing that Demo-

cratic Missouri which expressed sym-

pathy with Aguinaldo "fighting for liberty"

and refuses to have the stars and stripes

float over the Statehouse, hates the Ameri-

can soldier.

When the superintendent of public in-

struction and the Board of Education, which

cratic array of tax-enters. The Repub-

licans voting against the bill were Bink-

ley, Brooks, Charles, Congole, Dausman,

Gochenour, Guthrie, Joss, Layman, Lind-

ley, Matson, Miller, Osborn, Parks and

Thompson. Thus it appears that a ma-

jority of the Republicans voting were

against the bill. All the absentees were

Republicans, as follows: Agnew, Darby,

Johnson, Kittling, Legeman. It was a

Democratic victory.

CHARACTERISTIC HYPOCRISY.

The arraignment of the Republicans by

Representative Richardson and others, for

extravagance in appropriations, in the

national House, Wednesday, was a char-

acteristic spectacle, and for the country it

should be an informing one. Those Demo-

cratic members made speeches condemning

the extravagance of the Republican Con-

gress, telling how the expenditures had

been increased in ten years. When those

gentlemen had spoken their pieces a Re-

publican member turned upon the Demo-

cratic leader of the House and the owner

of a copyright of books published by the

government, and asked him if he did not

vote for the river and harbor appropriation

bill, which is one of the most questionable

of the money bills. To that question Mr.

Richardson answered in the affirmative,

and he could have added that he did not

oppose it while under discussion, as a num-

ber of Republicans did. Mr. Richardson

was asked if he had not voted for several

questionable appropriations, including ap-

propriations for claims under the Bowman

act, and he answered that he had done so.

As a matter of fact, the Democrats in the

House have generally voted for most of the

appropriations which can be criticized. They

have thought none of them, because they

are interested in items in most of these

bills. Nevertheless they take the earliest

opportunity to assail the House for

extravagance in voting money. In the

first session, when the Democratic mem-

bers had the opportunity to save fifteen

or twenty millions of dollars by stopping

the abuses under the provision for second-

class mail matter, every one of them voted

against it, and, by the aid of forty or

fifty Republicans, defeated the Loud bill,

which would have made the postal service

self-sustaining.

In the Indiana Senate we have an ex-

ample in the same line. On Wednesday,

when the Vincennes University bill was

voted on, under Senator Purcell (Democrat),

every man on that side of the House voted

for the scheme taking \$120,000 out of the

treasury, ostensibly for the university. How

much those who have promoted and nurse

this illegal claim received no one can tell

who is not in it. With all the Democrats

for it only a minority of the Republicans

was needed to carry it. Thus a combina-

tion of all the Democrats and less than

half the Republicans, if all were present,

carried this measure in the Senate. When

the vote was taken on the costly and

unnecessary Muncie Normal School scheme

all the Democrats and almost the same

Republicans lined up for it as they did for

the Vincennes bill.

Attention is called to this fact now be-

cause in the next Democratic platform in

this State, and on the stump during the

campaign of 1902, Republican extravagance

by the Legislature of 1901 will be denounced

and the Vincennes and Normal School

schemes will be cited as examples by the

same men who are determined to foist

upon the State, the Purdue, the State

Senate, like the Richards, the Cochrans

and the Bells in the national House, will

go up and down the State howling about

the wastefulness of Republican legisla-

tures, when they were the main propo-

sers of such wastefulness. And what will

the Republicans have to answer to the

Democratic accusations regarding these

matters during the campaign of 1902?

A FIELD FOR USEFULNESS.

Washington dispatches say that President

McKiny is exceedingly pleased with the

work of the Philippine commission and de-

sires Judge Taft, president of the commis-

sion, to accept of the office of Governor of

the islands if Congress authorizes the es-

tablishment of civil government. As an

old man the President knew Judge Taft

well, as he doubtless did the latter's father,

Hon. Alphonso Taft, an eminent lawyer

in his day and attorney general under Pres-

ident Grant. The present Judge Taft is also

an eminent jurist and has fully justified the

President's expectations regarding him

since he went to the Philippines. No doubt

he has had the hearty co-operation of other

members of the commission, but the re-

markable progress that has been made in

pacifying the people and laying the founda-

tions of civil government are thought to

be mainly due to his effective work. Judge

Taft is now in the prime of life, being

in his forty-fourth year. He resigned the

position of United States Circuit Judge to

accept his present position, intending to

remain in the Philippines only eighteen

letter charging Mr. Heath with intentional

wrong in connection with the Neely case,

when the most searching investigation has

connected no man in the postal depart-

ment with the Neely-Rathbone conspiracy

to steal the revenues of Cuba. The enmity

which certain venomous Democrats have

against Mr. Heath is that he was the most

effective secretary of the national Repub-

lican committee during the last campaign.

The vote on the normal school bill is

instructive. The Republicans voting for

the bill were: Ball, Barlow, Burns, Crum-

baker, Dausman, Goodwin, Johnson, Joss,

Kittling, Lambert, Legeman, Lindley, Os-

born, Wolcott and Wood—15. The Democrats

were: Corr, Gregor, Fleming, Fortune,

Gwin, Heller, Imman, Johnson, Keeney,

Kell, Lawler, Minor, Purcell, Stillwell,

Wampler and Winfield—16. That is, every

Democrat but one, Harrison, voted for the

bill. The Republicans voting against the

scheme were: Binkley, Brooks, Charles,

Congole, Crumpacker, Goch, Gochenour,

Guthrie, Keyes, Layman, Matson, Osborn,

Parks, Thompson and Whitcomb—16. That

is, a majority of the Republicans voted

against the bill. Ten of the Republicans

voting for the bill voted for the Vincen-

nes claim and all of the Democrats ex-

cept one voted for both measures. The evi-

dence of a conspiracy to push through these

bills costing the State \$420,000, composed

of all the Democrats and a minority of Re-

publicans, is complete.

If the work in the Indianapolis postoffice

continues at the present volume more men

must be assigned to the mailing department

or there will soon be cause for complaint

on the part of the public, but not against

the competent men in that branch of the

service. There is more work than the pres-

ent number of men can do as promptly as

it should be done. The postal authorities

should furnish a few more men for that

branch of the service. And, in this connec-

tion, it may be said that postoffice clerks

are inadequately paid, considering the in-

telligence required to do the work well and

the exhausting labor such employees must

perform.

FROM HITHER AND YON.

A Test.

Harper's Bazar.

"Do you think as a dramatic critic that Silem

is conscientious?"

"I know he is. He always has to buy his tick-

ets."

In Theatrical Parlance.

Judge.

Amateur—What does it mean in theatrical

circles when they say the "ghost walks?"

Veteran Actor—It means that the rest of us

don't have to.

A Horrible Thought.

Chicago Times-Herald.

"They say that Andrew Carnegie is going to

give away \$10,000,000 a year during the rest of

his life."

"I wonder if he ever accepts invitations to

dine with any of his heirs?"

Tale of Two Cities.

In that stanch Western city, Dubuque,

Where a person shall find a look,

"Rubber" folks yell,

Which does very well,

Though in Boston they mutter: "Cautious!"

—Detroit Journal.

Both Places Will Be Covered.

Brooklyn Lion.

"You believe, then, after all, that Shakespeare

wrote the play of Hamlet?"

Says a man. "But to make sure, the first time I

came across him in heaven I'll ask him."

"But a pose he can't there?"

"Then you can ask them."

HAMILTON NOT ENGAGED